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REMARKS:

This letter is in response to the Office action dated January 31, 2006.

The Office action requires restriction to one of the following:

Group I - Claims 1-29, 54-62 and 80-113;

Group II - Claims 30-53;

Group III - Claims 63-72; and

Group IV - 73-79.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I corresponding to claims 1-29, 54-62 and 80-113. Claims 30-53 and 63-79 have been canceled in accordance with applicants' election.

The Office action further requires an election within Group I from among the following subspecies:

1) an absorbent article having a stretchable substrate and an adhesive composition with a viscosity of from 2,000 - 6,000 centipoises at a temperature of about 300 degrees Fahrenheit and a storage modulus in the range of  $1.0 \times 10^5$  to  $1.0 \times 10^6$  dyne/cm<sup>2</sup>;

2) an absorbent article with a stretchable substrate and an adhesive composition having a glass transition temperature in the range of -10 to 25 degrees Celsius;

3) an absorbent article having a stretchable substrate with a recovery in at least one of the lateral and longitudinal directions of at least about 60%;

4) an absorbent article having a stretchable substrate and a hydrophilic adhesive composition;

5) an absorbent article having a stretchable substrate and a hydrophobic adhesive composition;

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6) an absorbent article with a stretchable substrate having a recovery in each of the lateral and longitudinal directions of at least about 60%; and

7) an absorbent article having a stretchable substrate and having a normalized load value of less than about 400 grams-force per inch at 100% elongation.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, subspecies 1) for further consideration. Applicants submit that claims 1-14 and 17-21 all read on the elected subspecies. Claims 15, 16 and 22-29 have been withdrawn from consideration and claims 54-62 and 80-113 have been canceled.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency in connection with this Amendment A to Deposit: Account Number 19-1345 in the name of Senniger Powers.

Respectfully submitted,



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